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In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to claims 1-10, drawn to a method of etching with a plasma comprising nitrogen for prosecution in this application.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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